



THE LION CUB.

LION AND TIGER

The Nucleus for a Remarkable Col-
lection at the Museum.

YOUNG OF WILD ANIMALS

Wherein the Cubs of Lions and
Tigers Are Similar.

ABOUT SPOTS AND BARS

THE RECENT BIRTH
of four lion cubs at
the Zoological Park
has enabled the
United States Na-
tional Museum to
prepare an exhibit
which they have
been desirous of
making for many
years, but from
which they have
been kept because of
lack of material,
namely, an exhibi-
tion of the young of various animals
as they appear at birth.

For a long time naturalists have recog-
nized the importance of commencing with
the new born of a given species and follow-
ing it through each transitional stage until
the animal is fully matured, in order to
obtain the complete life history of that
animal. With many of the birds and animals
this has already been done, and col-
lections made showing the various species
in different stages of development, but
with the king of beasts this has heretofore
been impossible, at least so far as the Na-
tional Museum is concerned, for the reason
that never before has it been in position
to obtain the young of the African
lion.

As all animals that die at the Zoo are at
once turned over to the museum, it was an
exceedingly fortunate thing when last week
the mother of the four recently born care-
lessly trod on one and killed it. Keeper
Blackburn, recognizing the value of the
animal to science, forwarded it with as
little delay as possible to the museum,



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where it was turned over to the taxider-
mist Mr. William Palmer, to be mounted
and mounted, and in a few days it will
be on exhibition in the animal hall of the
museum building, the only specimen of the
kind in America.

Nucleus of a Remarkable Collection.

This animal, together with a young tiger,
is intended to form the nucleus of a col-
lection, which it is hoped in time will stand
unrivaled in any museum in the world. At
present there are available the young of
many animals, including leopards, bears,
wildcats and panthers, together with those
of many of the smaller and more common
species, which at present are laid away in
the shape of skins. These will now probably
be brought out and gradually put into
shape until quite a creditable showing will
be the result. The value of such a display
to students can hardly be overestimated,
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The Lion Cub.

"The little lion was born four
days old, and weighed just one and a half
pounds. He bore no resemblance whatever
to his mother, and I doubt very much if
one not knowing could tell what it is.
Every one knows the color of the adult
lion, but the little cub is spotted all over
very much the same manner as a leopard.
These spots are of two distinct colors, dark
brown and fawn color, and down each side
of the spine of each little row of dark
brown spots, and these gradually shade off
into lighter and lighter spots as the belly
is reached, where the fawn color is very
noticeable. In comparing the dead cub with
the three remaining, quite a difference is
already noticeable. First, as to growth, for
the others have fairly doubled in size.
Moreover, the spots, which were very faint
and just noticeable at birth, are now so
prominent that the matter of adornment
is not a matter of doubt. The cub is
very much the same as the adult lion, and
it was just ten days before the little fel-
low saw daylight. The eyes of the adult
lion, resembling very much those of the
young of the common house cat, and it
was exceedingly amusing to see them with

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only one eye open begin to spit at the
keeper, and showing in their small way
their true nature. At the age of ten weeks
the mother will begin to wean them, and
teach them to eat, as becomes all members
of a family, but they will not be fully
matured until five years. At the age of five-
teen months the mane begins to show in
the male, and in the dark-haired animals
appears first as a dark collar across the
throat, gradually spreading as the hair
lengthens, until it reaches its full develop-
ment with maturity.

A full-grown lion weighs about four hun-
dred and fifty pounds, but what will prob-
ably be the largest lion in the world if he
lives is now one of the family in Uncle
Sam's park. He is only two years old, is
monstrous and tips the scales at four hun-
dred pounds. What will he weigh and how
big will be three years hence, when full
grown? He is Keeper Blackburn's special
pet, and he hopes to create a sensation
with him a few years hence.

The Tiger Cub.

Another part of the new exhibit is a
young tiger. Some three years ago a tigress
in Central Park Zoological Gardens gave
birth to four cubs. These all died on the
third or fourth day after, and one of them
was presented in alcohol to the National
Museum and placed aside for future use.
With the acquisition of the lion cub came
recollections of the gift from Central Park,
and a desire to have for comparison the
very young of these two lords of the
Jungle. It was accordingly unearthed and
given to Mr. Palmer to skin and stuff, and
it will be on exhibition side by side with
the lion cub, forming the only exhibit of
the kind in the world, and the most interest-
ing one to the student of natural history.

They are both of an age, therefore a
legitimate comparison is possible. The lion,
as before stated, does not resemble the
parent in any way, and is spotted, while
the little tiger, on the contrary, is an exact
counterpart of its mother, having no spots,
as one might suppose, for seeing the lion,
but instead bar for bar almost precisely as
in the adult. It is, in fact, just what it ap-
pears—a miniature tiger.

Points of Likeness and Difference.

The life history of the tiger, as described
by Keeper Blackburn, resembles in many
respects that just detailed for the lion.
Both belong to the cat tribe, and conse-
quently are alike in many ways; but as a
rule young tigers are quite playful as com-
pared with young lions. Both are carried
by the mother for a period of sixteen
weeks, are born blind, and are weaned at
the age of five. One great difference is
lists between the young of these two ani-
mals, a difference that follows them
through life, while the young of the lion
from the time their eyes are open begin to
assert their nature, the young tiger is ex-
ceedingly docile. This changes later—for
the young lion may turn out very tame
and even become pets, while the little
tigers gradually become more and more

Small Lot and Large Price.

It is stated to be the intention of the
Riggs Fire Insurance Company, which was
the purchaser at public auction during the
week of a lot on the west side of 14th
street just above G and adjoining on the
south the addition which the American
Security and Trust Company is building, to
improve this site by the erection of a build-
ing for the office of the company. The lot
is an unusually small one, having a front-
age of only 17.08 and a depth of 43 feet,
the total area being only 739 square feet.
The building at present there was not consid-
ered of any value in the sale, and the price
paid was therefore for the ground alone.
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sentative of the company proved to be the
highest bidder, and the property was sold
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\$30,000.

Record for the Week.

A total of twenty-two permits for new
dwellings, aggregating in cost \$128,450,
is the building record for the week ending
yesterday. This amount was divided among
the several sections of the city as follows:
Northwest, eleven permits, costing \$110,200;
southwest, one, \$900; northeast, two, \$1,500;
southeast, five, \$3,210; and county, three,
at \$3,900.

Some Improvements.

J. H. Lane is about to erect, at 1818 Q
street northwest, a brick and stone dwell-
ing, three stories high, with basement. The
plans, which were made by H. A. Campbell,
show a dwelling twenty-seven feet front
by a depth of thirty-six feet. The front will
be of buff brick, ornamented with light-
colored stone and granite.

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REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

The Purchase of Building Sites for
Handsome Homes.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE'S RESIDENCE

Recent Sales of Consequence and
the Prices Obtained.

HOUSES AND LOTS

Some time next spring it is expected that
a handsome residence will be erected here
by Mrs. Jenness-Miller. She has just pur-
chased a fine building site, which will af-
ford ample space for a commodious resi-
dence such as Mrs. Miller will undoubtedly
desire for her home. It is located at the
northeast corner of Le Roy and Phelps
place, Washington Heights. It was the
property of Mr. Le Roy Tunnell, and some
months ago it was sold to Mrs. Miller for
about 97 feet, and contains 4,882 square
feet. The price paid was \$2,600 per square
foot. The lot is in the immediate vicinity
of the fine residence which Mr. Jesse B.
Wilson is erecting, and the Miller house
will be one of several which are being or
will be put up in this locality.

Another addition to the number of hand-
some homes which abound in this city will
be made by Thomas Nelson Page, the well-
known writer. Some weeks ago he pur-
chased a building site at the northeast cor-
ner of Le Roy and Phelps place, through his
agents, Fleming & Lee, in connection with
Dunham & Fisher, Inc. The lot has a
frontage of 72 feet on R street and 37 on
New Hampshire avenue, and contains over
5,000 square feet. The price paid was about
\$300.

A Notable House.

Mr. Page has had plans prepared for a
house by McKim, Meade & White of New
York, architects, and it is expected that,
architecturally as well as in other respects,
the house will occupy quite a notable place
among the fine residences of the city. Mr.
Page occupied during the winter the Nevins
house, 170 Massachusetts avenue, and he
will continue to live there until his new
house is ready for his use. Like a great
many other people who come to Washing-
ton for a brief residence, Mr. Page has de-
cided to make his permanent home here,
which will no doubt be a source of intel-
ligence to his wide circle of friends in this
city.

The price paid by Mr. Page for his lot
was \$23,760. It is expected that for sum-
mer five figures to be paid for building sites.
Only a few weeks ago Mrs. D. D. Colton
paid \$25,000 for a lot on the east side of
Massachusetts avenue, between Q and R
streets. It has a frontage of 50 feet and a
depth of about 125 feet to an alley. The
lot was sold for \$1,000, which is at the rate
of about \$20 per square foot. It is ex-
pected that this site will be improved by
the erection of a fine residence.

A Public Hall.

It is evident that there is a recognized
need in this city for another public hall, as
efforts to supply that want have been
made from time to time. The need is well
known, of course, that the plans for the
new building which the Young Men's Chris-
tian Association hope and believe will be
erected in this city in the near future make
provision for a hall which can be used for
public occasions. There is another scheme
which contemplates the organization of a
stock company for the erection of a hall
which will be used for the same purpose.
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IN MUSICAL CIRCLES

It Looks as if Washington Might Have a
Music Hall.

The Plans Are for a Building Which

Will Be an Ornament to the
City—Other Items.

The need for a music hall in this city has
been frequently set forth in The Star, and
some time ago it was hinted that a plan
was on foot which might accomplish that
desirable object in the near future. The
details are not yet complete, but those in-
terested are hopeful that the enterprise
will take definite shape very soon. Plans
have been drawn which contemplate the
erection of a building to contain a music
hall capable of holding an audience of about
2,500. The stage will be sufficiently large to
accommodate a chorus of 500, and will
provide for an organ of proper capacity
either for solo or accompaniment work.
There will be two galleries, and their ar-
rangement is such that the seats are all
good, both for seeing and hearing. Of
course, it is proposed that the acoustic
properties of the hall will be perfect. A
smaller hall on the same floor is provided
for recital purposes.

In the proposed building there are ac-
commodations for teachers, and above this
music hall is to be a large dancing hall or
ball room, which can also be used as a ban-
quet hall, and all its appurtenances in close
proximity, but so arranged that there shall
be no unpleasant odor therefrom.

The upper story of the proposed exhibi-
tion hall for art purposes, and a large number
of studios especially adapted for artists.
The plan of the building is such that it
will be particularly suited to either the ac-
complishment of the display of art work.

The Choral Society, which is the largest
musical organization in the city, would be
benefited by such a music hall, is quite
interested in this proposed building, and all
the members hope to see it realized. It is
into a tangible reality. Unfortunately, the
society is not rich as an organization, but
some of its honorary members are persons
of means, and it is hoped that when the
proper time comes these will step forward
and assist in a substantial manner in the
erection of a building, that is so greatly re-
quired. The estimated cost, including the put-
ting in of the organ and all the furnishings,
is \$300,000. If this sum shall be raised,
Washington will have a music hall that will
surpass in the modernness of its construc-
tion and appointments any similar hall in
this city.

The Choral Society is now busily engaged
in rehearsing "Samson and Delilah," which
will be its second performance. Its first
concert will be "The Song of the Lark," and
be given at Convention Hall Monday, De-
cember 30, the quartet being Miss Charlotte
Mack, soprano; Miss Ruth Thompson, con-
tralto; Mr. E. C. Towne, tenor; and Mr.
Carl Daff, bass. All these singers, except
Miss Macdonald, have been heard in this
city. It is expected that the Choral Society
will be the former honorary members
setting forth the full program for the oc-
casion, and giving a renewal of their mem-
bership. The society is now planning to
will be general, and that there will be many
new applications.

The Choral Society, which has been re-
cently organized in this city by Mr. Her-
man Rakemann, has been engaged to assist
the Choral Society in the production of the
opera "The Song of the Lark," and is ex-
pected to augment it with a part of the Me-
tropolitan Opera House Orchestra from New
York, the great production of "Samson
and Delilah."

The standard of work done by the Choral
Society has been of the highest and best,
and the incentive which accrues from the
four hundred of Washington's best singers
to apply themselves by close study to the
masterpieces of the world's music, is well
known. It is expected that the response to
a love for the inspiring art of music, for the
advancement and elevation of the public
taste, coupled with a patriotic desire to aid
the musical fame of the nation, will be
newly begun this season with an unusually
attractive program, assisted in the solo parts
by the Choral Society, and it is expected
that the great production of "Samson
and Delilah."

The music at the Church of the Immacu-
late Conception will be of a high order,
unusually elaborate character, the occasion
being the commencement of a forty hours'
devotion. The large and well-
known choir, under the direction of Mr.
Clara Baker Smith, will sing the Kyrie,
Gloria, Credo and Agnus Dei from Haydn's
Mass, and the Sanctus and Benedictus from
Beethoven's Mass in C. At the offertory
Miss Mary Helen Howe will sing Mass-
cagni's "Frederica," with harp and violin
accompaniment by Miss Clara and Mr.
Minister, and organ accompaniment by
Prof. Arthur D. Mayo, the efficient or-
ganist of the church. Following the mass
there will be a procession of the blessed
sacrament, after which the litany will be
sung, followed by Tantum Ergo, solo by
Miss Ruth Thompson. Vespers will be at
7 o'clock, at which Mr. Frank Reeside
will sing Dudley Buck's "Salve Regina."

Mr. T. Williams-Pearman, the precursor
of the Church of the Immaculate Concep-
tion, will give a recital of his compositions
his first concert engagement this season at
the Eastern Presbyterian Church last
evening. His recital was given with his
usual clearness of tone and art-
istic effect.

The many friends and acquaintances
of Mr. A. R. Reed, formerly of Wash-
ington, but now in New York city,
will be interested to learn that his wife,
Lettie G. Rosenbaum, is the composer of
a new song, "The Song of the Lark," which
he has composed. The song is a simple
and beautiful melody, and is being re-
hearsed by the choir of the church. The
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Mr. Herman Rakemann's Symphony Or-
chestra is progressing finely and the sub-
scriptions to its initial concert are being
made in good numbers. The orchestra
will be composed of the best musicians of
this city into an orchestra for the playing of
symphonies and the classical forms of mu-
sic has been a success. Mr. Rakemann
has been called upon to put forth all his
powers to accomplish it, but he has suc-
ceeded in getting together a body of
musicians who are now being trained by
him as a leader, upon the players as musicians
and upon Washington as the home of a sym-
phony orchestra. This enterprise should
attract the attention of all thorough mu-
sicians and those who love orchestral mu-
sic in high form, and there should be no
lack in filling subscription lists.

The Washington String Orchestra, under
the direction of Mr. Ernest Lent, has com-
menced its work for this season under
very favorable auspices. The orchestra is
already quite large and new additions are
being received at each rehearsal. The
summer, a fantasia on two of our national
songs, "The Star-Spangled Banner" and
"The Star-Spangled Banner," and the pro-
gram is already ready.

When Paderewski comes here in De-
cember, he will give a recital at 4:30 p.m.,
so as to give those in the depart-
ment an opportunity to attend.
Mr. Edward A. Lovy has received the ap-
pointment as music instructor at the
Georgetown College. Mr. Lovy is a gradu-
ate of the Imperial Conservatory of Mu-
sic in St. Petersburg, and has been a suc-
cessful violin teacher of this city. Although a very
young man, he gives promise of attaining
success as a composer.

On Monday, the eminent Bohemian violinist,
who will arrive here on the steamship Col-
umbia on November 8, has composed this
summer a fantasia on two of our national
songs, "The Star-Spangled Banner" and
"The Star-Spangled Banner," and the pro-
gram is already ready. The Bohemian's
arrangements and variations on these
beloved airs, which may be said to re-
present the American folk song, are pro-
nounced to be beautiful. There seems to
be no doubt but that a glorious
reception awaits the Bohemian.

A Pointer on Forenight.

From Printers' Ink.
It is better to spend a little money in ad-
vertising now than to sell a lot of shop-
worn goods below cost later on.

THE NATIONAL GUARD

Annual Rifle Competitions to Occur
in November.

VOLUNTARY PRACTICE AT THE RANGE

Arrival of the Hilton Medals for the
Brigade Team Members.

NOTES OF INTEREST

It is a certainty that the annual rifle com-
petitions of the District of Columbia Na-
tional Guard will not occur on the dates ex-
pected—October 29, 30 and 31—but in all prob-
ability about the middle of November. The
postponement is made necessary because of
the illness of the inspector general of rifle
practice, in whose hands the arrangement of
details of the matches naturally falls. When
the time does arrive, however, for facing the
targets it will be found that the program
will be an unusually interesting one, with
a sufficient value to tempt the major-
ity of the guardsmen who take an interest
in plugging up the bull's-eye with lead—or
in endeavoring to do so.

A feature of the meet, it is thought, will
be the presence of a rifle team representing
the New Jersey National Guard, under the
direction of Brigadier General Bird W. Spen-
cer, and accompanied by Governor
Werts and several members of his staff.
During the recent competitions at Sea Girt
militation was extended to the Jersey men
to come down at the time of the District
brigade competitions, examine the new
range at Ordway and give the local sharp-
shooters an opportunity to demonstrate
their superiority over the men from the
mosquito land, so far as hitting the center
targets is concerned. A recent communi-
cation from General Spencer making in-
quiry as to the dates for the local matches
would seem to indicate that serious consid-
eration is being given to the invitation, and as
the Jersey team was highly pleased with the
treatment accorded it on the occasion of the
visit to this city last year, notification that
it has been again come to Washington
will probably be received in a few days.

Speaking of the Jersey rifle team recalls to
mind the proposition that a team from
the District of Columbia should go down to
Savannah February 22 next, for a match
with the Georgians, has not been abandoned,
but, on the contrary, is being favorably
thought of, and the trip is likely to prove
a reality.

Voluntary Practice at the Range.

Those members of the brigade who have
not completed their scores for the season
have an excellent opportunity now open to
them to make up for lost time. Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays will be set apart
at the Ordway range for voluntary
practice, and by the exercise of a little en-
ergy poor shots might qualify as mark-
smen or sharpshooters, and be entitled to
the buttons or cross. The National Rifle
Association is giving free of charge the
range on Saturdays, and its matches are
attracting interest.

The decorations of the quarters of com-
pany D, third battalion, have been up to
date, and will be a lively period at Ordway
is undoubted, and it is also safe to predict
that several companies will hold turkey
shoots in the gallery during the evening.

Hilton Medals Have Arrived.

The individual medals for the members
of the brigade team, which carried off the
Hilton trophy at Sea Girt, have just been
received. The medals are of bronze, and
were made by Tiffany of New York. Each
consists of a disk slightly larger than a
quarter, with a hole in the center, which is
suspended by a single link from a bar bear-
ing the words "Sea Girt." On the face is
the inscription "The Hilton Trophy Match."
Surrounding a wreath, in the center of
which is a space for the name of the mem-
ber. On the reverse is "Presented by the Na-
tional Rifle Association of America to,"
member of the winning team. Individual
medals will be given to the members of
the member, his score and the team score
are to be engraved in the blank space.
Another COLLETTETTE of fine black
Ostrich feathers, about 12 inches long,
for \$15.00.

A Second Regiment Band.

The second regiment is to have a band of
music, the organization of which is unique.
Lieut. Otto G. Simonson, who has had his
hands full with past remodeling com-
pany D, sixth battalion, is the prime mover
in the matter, and his efforts have resulted
in the gathering together of a band of twenty-
six first-class musicians. These are the
eldest in Lieut. Simonson's company, and
when desired, are to be detailed for duty
as bandmen. Instead of reporting for drill
they will report to the enlisted men, the
twenty-six members, referred to, will re-
port for rehearsal. The special desirability
of the plan is that the services of the mu-
sicians will be available for the band at all
times. The initial rehearsal of the band was held
in second regiment headquarters Wednesday
evening last, and it proved highly satisfac-
tory. The band will be organized by the
captain, is to receive a medal.

Uninhabitable Quarters.

Gen. Ordway personally inspected the
quarters of company D, third battalion, on
the second floor of the armory building, last
evening. Owing to the construction of cer-
tain machinery below, the rooms referred
to have been rendered uninhabitable, and
Gen. Ordway suggested that the difficulty
be remedied by the raising of the floor
under the wooden flooring and coating the
walls with tar. If these means prove un-
availing, other quarters must be found for
Capt. D. H. Simonson and his company.

The Military Wheelmen.

The District Guard was complimented
when the United States Military Wheelmen,
at their first annual convention, this week,
elected Gen. Albert Ordway president of
the organization. The objects of the asso-
ciation are, among others, to unite wheel-
men who have